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Sent: 15 October 2019 11:34
To: Community Asset Transfer <communityassettransfer@glasgow.gov.uk>
Subject: Representation - Cathkin Pavilion and MUGA

Dear Sir/Madam

I write regarding the asset transfer request relating to Cathkin Park, G42 8BB as a local resident and frequent user of the park.

The asset transfer request represents a potentially positive step for the local area. However, in its present form it is incomplete and is not ready for approval.

Please treat this email as a request that no determinative decision be made until:

- **further information as per the below is provided by the proposer, and**
- **further opportunity is given for consultation with the local community.**

The request in its current form does not contain adequate information regarding:

- whether there will remain continued public access to the park or its various parts, including the sports pitch and surrounding areas, either within or outwith the proposed operating hours of the pavilion, etc.;
- whether the asset includes the physical structures of the stadium itself such as the terraces, etc. (as suggested in the business plan), or whether it does not (as demarcated in the map);
- the environmental impact, in particular that any of the proposed developments of the asset could have on the various species of wildlife that inhabit the park and surrounding areas, which otherwise rarely coexist in inner-city areas of Glasgow, and the steps that would be taken - and may be lawfully required - to protect their natural habitats;
- whether the suggested increased use of the park will have any impact on local infrastructure, particularly access roads, and for example whether traffic control measures may be required or sought to mitigate the effects of this;
- the dates and times that the public consultation took place within the park itself;
- why no other attempt was made to engage the sizeable local community immediately surrounding the park itself or more generally in the Crosshill, Mount Florida and Toryglen areas.

I personally use the park several times per week and note that I witnessed no consultation (including June-July 2019). The total of 40 respondents is a small sample size of both the public using the park and the local community. If, for example, the consultation took place only during office and school hours on weekdays, this would suggest possible bias in responses received.

The area enjoys a vibrant local community including the so-called Mount Florida Community Council which seeks to represent local residents with an emphasis on local planning proposals and developments in the local area. It does not appear that an attempt was made to

reach out to this wider community, and no justification for not doing so is given in the documentation.

Because of inadequate consultation, there is now considerable anxiety about the proposal among residents of the areas immediately surrounding Cathkin Park, including anonymous notes being posted through letterboxes. Even with the best intentions this would not be a conducive start for the proposer in attempting to achieve its stated aims. Please re-open consultation with the local community once the above information has been made available.

Regards

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